

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

### 700 (VII). Credentials of representatives to the seventh session of the General Assembly

*The General Assembly*

*Approves* the third report<sup>1</sup> of the Credentials Committee.

*425th plenary meeting,  
8 April 1953.*

<sup>1</sup> See document A/2374.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

### 701 (VII). Korea: reports of the United Nations Agent General for Korean Reconstruction

*The General Assembly*

1. *Reaffirms* the objective of the United Nations, adopted in General Assembly resolution 410 (V) of 1 December 1950, to provide relief and rehabilitation in assisting the Korean people to relieve their sufferings and to repair the great devastation and destruction in their country;

2. *Recognizes* that the need of such relief and rehabilitation continues to be most urgent;

3. *Takes* note of the reports<sup>1</sup> of the Agent General on the work of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the period February 1951 to 15 February 1953;

4. *Notes with approval* that the Agent General has now undertaken, in co-operation with the Government of the Republic of Korea and the United Nations Command, and in consultation with the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea, a programme of relief and rehabilitation projects for the period ending June 1953, which has received the approval of the United Nations Advisory Committee to the Agent General, and looks forward to its successful execution;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* of the contributions which have been made by governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations;

6. *Requests* those governments which have made pledges to the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency to make prompt payment of such pledges;

7. *Further requests* all governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to assist, within the limits of their financial possibilities and in accordance with the provisions of their constitutions and statutes, in meeting the great and continuing need of the Korean people for relief and rehabilitation assistance.

*414th plenary meeting,  
11 March 1953.*

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Supplements Nos. 19 and 19 A.*

### 702 (VII). Complaint of non-compliance of States still detaining members of the Greek armed forces with the provisions of resolution 382 A (V), adopted by the General Assembly on 1 December 1950, recommending "the repatriation of all those among them who express the wish to be repatriated"

*The General Assembly,*

*Confirming* its resolution 382 A (V) of 1 December 1950 recommending the repatriation of all those members of the Greek armed forces detained outside Greece who express the wish to be repatriated,

*Noting with deep appreciation* the continued efforts of the International Committee of the Red Cross with a view to implementing the afore-mentioned resolution,

*Recalling* the latest communication<sup>2</sup> of the International Committee of the Red Cross to the national Red Cross societies of the governments concerned,

1. *Addresses an earnest appeal* to these governments to conform their attitude in this question with General Assembly resolution 382 A (V);

2. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to consult to this end with the governments in question and to report back to the General Assembly before the close of its current session;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to keep this humanitarian issue under constant review and to notify the Member States of important developments as appropriate.

*415th plenary meeting,  
17 March 1953.*

### 703 (VII). Methods which might be used to maintain and strengthen international peace and security in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter: report of the Collective Measures Committee

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the second report<sup>3</sup> of the Collective Measures Committee,

<sup>2</sup> See document A/2365.

<sup>3</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Supplement No. 17.*

*Affirming* the need for strengthening further the system of collective security under the authority of the United Nations,

*Finding* that to this end further steps could be taken by States and by the United Nations in accordance with the Charter and in conformity with the "Uniting for peace" resolution (377 A (V)) and with resolution 503 (VI),

1. *Takes note* of the second report of the Collective Measures Committee and expresses appreciation of the constructive work done by the Committee during the past year, particularly in the economic field, including the preparation of lists of arms, ammunition and implements of war and of strategic items for consideration by the Security Council or the General Assembly in the application of a selective embargo;

2. *Requests* the Collective Measures Committee to continue its work until the ninth session of the General Assembly, as directed in paragraph 4 below, for the maintenance and strengthening of the United Nations collective security system;

3. *Recommends* to States Members, and invites States not Members of the United Nations:

(a) To give careful consideration to the reports of the Collective Measures Committee;

(b) To continue and intensify their efforts to carry out the recommendations of the "Uniting for peace" resolution and of resolution 503 (VI);

(c) To keep the Collective Measures Committee currently informed of the progress they are making in this respect;

4. *Directs* the Collective Measures Committee:

(a) To pursue such studies as it may deem desirable to strengthen the capability of the United Nations to maintain peace, taking account of the "Uniting for peace" resolution, resolution 503 (VI) and the present resolution;

(b) To continue the examination of information received from States pursuant to the "Uniting for peace" resolution, resolution 503 (VI) and the present resolution;

(c) In the light of its studies, to suggest to the Security Council and to the General Assembly such specific ways and means as it may deem appropriate to encourage further preparatory action by States;

(d) To report to the Security Council and to the General Assembly not later than the ninth session of the Assembly.

*415th plenary meeting,  
17 March 1953.*

#### **704 (VII). Regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and all armaments: report of the Disarmament Commission**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recognizing* that:

Under the Charter of the United Nations all States are bound to settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered, and to

refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,

The aim of a system of world-wide disarmament is to prevent war and release the world's human and economic resources for the purposes of peace,

1. *Takes note* of the report<sup>4</sup> of the Disarmament Commission;

2. *Reaffirms* General Assembly resolution 502 (VI) of 11 January 1952 and requests the Disarmament Commission to continue its work for the development by the United Nations of comprehensive and co-ordinated plans providing for:

(a) The regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and armaments;

(b) The elimination and prohibition of all major weapons, including bacteriological, adaptable to mass destruction;

(c) The effective international control of atomic energy to ensure the prohibition of atomic weapons and the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes only; The whole programme to be carried out under effective international control in such a way that no State would have cause to fear that its security was endangered;

3. *Requests* the Commission to report to the General Assembly and to the Security Council no later than 1 September 1953, and hopes that all the members of the Commission will co-operate in efforts to produce constructive proposals likely to facilitate its task.

*424th plenary meeting,  
8 April 1953.*

#### **705 (VII). The Korean question**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its unswerving determination to spare no efforts likely to create conditions favourable to the attainment of the purposes of peace and conciliation embodied in the Charter of the United Nations,

*Noting*, following the United Nations Command initiative for the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war, the communication<sup>5</sup> by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China dated 31 March 1953 to the President of the General Assembly, and the exchange of communications<sup>6</sup> between the United Nations Command and the Commanders of the Chinese People's Volunteers and the Korean People's Army in regard thereto,

*Confident* that a just and honourable armistice in Korea will powerfully contribute to alleviate the present international tension,

1. *Notes with deep satisfaction* that an agreement has been signed in Korea on the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war;

<sup>4</sup> See *Official Records of the Disarmament Commission, 1952, Special Supplement No. 1.*

<sup>5</sup> See document A/2378.

<sup>6</sup> See document A/2390.